



# Executive Office of Public Safety and Security Newsletter

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The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) is committed to keeping the people of Massachusetts informed about critical homeland security, emergency management, personal safety, and criminal justice issues. The EOPSS newsletter is published monthly for the purpose of sharing current information on events, publications, and funding opportunities among public safety professionals.

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## **Funding Opportunities**

The following funding descriptions are taken directly from the official applications.

### **NIJ Graduate Research Fellowship 2009**

#### **Application Deadline: November 21, 2008**

The National Institute of Justice seeks applications for funding to provide assistance to universities for dissertation research support to outstanding doctoral students undertaking independent research on issues related to crime and justice. Research must focus on a topic relevant to filling key gaps in scientific knowledge relevant to criminal justice policy and practice in the United States and to the concerns of criminal justice agencies and related agencies focusing on crime and justice problems in the United States. Applications will be accepted from accredited universities in the United States for support of students who have completed, or are near completion of, all doctoral degree requirements except the research, writing, and final defense of a dissertation.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000836.pdf>.

### **Postsecondary Education: Integrating Crime Victims' Issues Into University and College Curricula**

#### **Application Deadline: December 18, 2008**

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) seeks applications for funding to develop innovative, multidisciplinary education models (i.e., classroom, online, clinical) addressing victimization issues and responses to crime victims that can be integrated into university or college curricula and faculty development. The overall goal is to provide comprehensive and quality education and training to future victim service providers and allied professionals. At the completion of the entire 3-year initiative, it is anticipated that multidisciplinary education models and faculty development integrating crime victimization issues and responses may be replicated on a larger national scale.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/pdftxt/Postsecondary.pdf>.

### **Antiterrorism and Emergency Assistance Program**

#### **Application Deadline: Open (an application for funding or technical assistance should be submitted to the OVC Director as soon as practical following a terrorist or mass violence incident)**

OVC developed the Antiterrorism and Emergency Assistance Program to provide timely assistance to jurisdictions to address victim needs in the aftermath of an act of terrorism or mass violence.

Applicants can apply for funds for only two situations: to compensate *and* assist victims of terrorism and mass violence that occur within the United States, or to assist victims of terrorism and mass violence that occur outside the United States. The funds available through the program may supplement other resources and services available to jurisdictions responding to acts of terrorism or mass violence. Applicants eligible for funding include state victim assistance and victim compensation programs; public agencies including federal, state, and local governments; and victim service and non-governmental organizations.

For more information: <http://www.ovc.gov/fund/pdftxt/antiterrorapplication.pdf>.

### **Helping Outreach Programs to Expand Grant Program**

#### **Application Deadline: Open (contingent upon funding availability)**

OVC will provide up to \$10,000 each to grassroots community and faith-based victim service organizations and coalitions to help improve their outreach and services to crime victims, through support of program development, networking, coalition building, and service delivery. Funds may be used to develop program literature, train advocates, produce a newsletter, support victim outreach efforts, and recruit volunteers. Eligible applicants include organizations and coalitions operating for at least 1 year that have not received federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) victim assistance grant funding and that have an annual operating budget of \$50,000 or less. All applicants must also have a history of serving crime victims.

For more information: <http://www.ovc.gov/fund/expandingoutreach/welcome.html>.

## **Research and Publications**

### **Census of State and Federal Correctional Facilities, 2005**

Published by the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), this report presents findings from the 2005 Census of State and Federal Correctional Facilities and compares selected findings to the 2000 census. The report includes data on characteristics of facilities by type, size, security level, and design capabilities, court orders, and use of private contractors. Data are also presented on inmate populations by facility type, gender, and security level; staff gender; occupational categories; and inmate-to-staff ratios. Additional information is provided on types of employment, educational, and treatment services available to inmates.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/csfcf05.pdf>.

### **Civil Bench and Jury Trials in State Courts, 2005**

Published by BJS, this report provides an overview of a national sample of general civil cases (tort, contract, and real property) concluded by a bench or jury trial in 2005. The report analyzes trends in civil trial litigation in the 75 most populated U.S. counties from 1992 to 2005. Topics include types of civil cases that go to trial, differences between civil cases adjudicated by judges or juries, and demographics of defendants represented in civil trials. Also included are plaintiffs' win rates, punitive damages, and final award amounts.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/cbjtsc05.pdf>.

### **Introduction to the Survey of Youth in Residential Placement**

This report, published by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, presents the outcomes from a survey, one of three to date, collecting updated data on youth in custody. The report represents the first analyses of survey data, covering the development and design of the survey and providing details on youth characteristics, backgrounds, expectations; conditions of confinement; needs and services received; and experiences of victimization while in placement. Survey data were collected directly from participants through anonymous interviews.

Access full text: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/218390.pdf>.

### **Strategies to Prevent Prison Rape by Changing the Correctional Culture**

This National Institute of Justice report examines successful policies and programs for preventing sexual violence in state prisons. Researchers interviewed prison officials in 45 states and identified promising strategies and practices from 11 states. Topics include: changing correctional culture, staff training, inmate education, and elements of prison culture change.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/222843.pdf>.

### **Promising Practices for Serving Crime Victims With Disabilities Bulletin and Toolkit**

This Office for Victims of Crime bulletin outlines an OVC-funded demonstration project to improve the local response of law enforcement and victim service providers to people with disabilities. The accompanying toolkit offers more detail on the undertakings of each subgrantee and includes sample needs assessments, sample forensic protocols, and lessons learned.

Access full text: [http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/publications/infores/ServingVictimsWithDisabilities\\_bulletin/welcome.html](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/publications/infores/ServingVictimsWithDisabilities_bulletin/welcome.html).

### **Alaska Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Study**

Funded by the National Institute of Justice, this report examines the characteristics of sexual assaults in Alaska as recorded by sexual assault nurse examiners (SANE) in 8 Alaskan cities/towns. Initial analyses focus on the patient demographics; pre-assault, assault, and post-assault characteristics; exam characteristics and results; suspect characteristics; and legal resolutions. Additionally, a significant portion of the report is spent on predictors and effects of genital injury.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/224520.pdf>.

### **Less Lethal Weapon Effectiveness, Use of Force, and Suspect & Officer Injuries: A Five-Year Analysis**

This report presents the findings of an NIJ-funded study on the use of police force and subject resistance in two agencies in Central Florida. This study looked at situations requiring force and the resulting actions taken by the police and citizens during the incident. Data were collected through force documentation provided by both agencies.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/224081.pdf>.

### **Abandoned Vehicles**

Published by the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, this guide explains the problem of abandoned vehicles and reviews factors that increase associated risks. The guide includes a review of responses to existing abandoned vehicle problems and current research supporting these practices. A questionnaire is also included to assist local law enforcement in identifying a potential abandoned vehicle problem. The authors are careful to point out that this guide is limited to addressing concerns created by abandoned and other types of derelict vehicles only.

Access full text at: <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/files/RIC/Publications/e080821166.pdf>.

### **Gender, Mental Illness, and Crime**

This NIJ-funded report summarizes an analysis of the gendered effects of depression, drug use, and treatment on crime and the effects of the criminal justice system interaction on subsequent depression and drug use. Gathered as part of the National Household Survey on Drug Use and Health in 2004, data were collected from a nationally representative sample of respondents aged 12 years and older. Surveys included questions about illegal drug use, criminal activity, depression, and other factors. The goal of the study was to evaluate how men and women differently experience depression, drug use, and crime.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/224028.pdf>.

## **Conferences and Trainings**

### **60<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology**

**November 12-15, 2008 in St. Louis, MO**

Sponsored by the American Society of Criminology, the purpose of this conference is to provide criminal justice professionals with a forum to present research findings related to criminal justice topics, as well as new directions for policy and research. Special topics include: innovations in justice research and policy, juvenile delinquency and juvenile justice, problem-oriented and community policing, theories of victimization, and batterer intervention.

For more information: <http://www.asc41.com/annualmeeting.htm>.

### **22<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Meeting on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse and Violence Prevention in Higher Education**

**November 16-19, 2008 in St. Paul, MN**

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education, this conference will focus on issues related to alcohol and other drug abuse and violence prevention on college campuses and surrounding communities. The conference provides a forum for participants to discuss a wide array of prevention issues facing college campuses, including alcohol and other drug use, violence, mental health, and emergency preparedness and management.

For more information: [www.higheredcenter.org/natl/2008/](http://www.higheredcenter.org/natl/2008/).

### **“Train the Trainer” --- Drugs 101 Forum**

**December 4, 2008 in Salem, MA**

Hosted by the office of District Attorney Jonathan W. Blodgett, this “train-the-trainer” workshop will highlight and distribute copies of the new Underage Drinking presentations and Choose to Refuse Program. The Underage Drinking Initiative includes three powerpoint presentations with video for high school, middle school, and parents discussing the social, legal, and physical consequences of Underage Drinking. The Choose to Refuse program is designed to help youth understand the danger of heroin and the illegal use of OxyContin. Workshop participation is free; space is limited and registration is required.

For more information (and to register), please call (978) 745-6610 ext 5082, or email [diane.steele@state.ma.us](mailto:diane.steele@state.ma.us).

### **Forward Thinking and Futurism: 2009 American Correctional Association (ACA) Winter Conference**

**January 9-14, 2009 in Kissimmee, FL**

Sponsored by the ACA, this conference features approximately 150 intensive training sessions and workshops focused on best practices in the fields of adult prisons and jails, juvenile corrections and detention, community institutions, and community based programs. Topics include: Mothering From Within: A Peer Education Program for Incarcerated Women; maintaining professional boundaries in correctional health care; demographics mapping; discharge planning; and more.

For more information: <http://www.aca.org/conferences/Winter09/home.asp>.

**American Probation and Parole Association (APPA) 2009 Winter Training Institute**  
**February 8-11, 2009 in Myrtle Beach, SC**

Sponsored by the American Probation and Parole Association, this conference offers a combination of educational workshops, intensive training programs, and a resource expo specifically for community corrections. The goal of APPA Training Institutes is to provide participants with the opportunity to discuss the latest theories and advanced technology, develop innovative solutions, and network with experts in the field.

For more information: [http://www.appa-net.org/institutes/2009\\_myrtle/exhibitor/](http://www.appa-net.org/institutes/2009_myrtle/exhibitor/).

## **News**

The following are excerpts from newspaper articles regarding public safety topics.

**Springfield Police Department Forms New Unit to Focus on Rapes, Domestic Assaults, Sexual Assaults and Cyber Crimes**

***The Republican*, October 1, 2008**

According to *The Republican*, the Springfield Police Department has announced the formation of a new unit that will investigate rapes, domestic assaults and sexual and cyber crimes. The unit, called the Special Victim's Unit, is led by Capt. Kevin M. Dudley. It has 12 officers and two civilian advocates. Police Commissioner William J. Fitchet said last year's spike in domestic violence-related murders (8) prompted the formation of the unit. The name of the unit pays homage to the victims of such crimes and not the similarly named television show, officials said.

Access full text at: [http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2008/10/springfield\\_police\\_department\\_1.html?category=Crime&category=Springfield](http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2008/10/springfield_police_department_1.html?category=Crime&category=Springfield).

**T's 'Grope Patrol' Has Pervs on the Run**

***The Boston Herald*, October 6, 2008**

According to *The Boston Herald*, arrests of subway-stalking predators have skyrocketed, and riders have stepped forward to report twice as many sexual assaults since the T unleashed a "grope patrol" of undercover transit cops to pinch pervs trolling the commuter rails. Since the start of the MBTA's anti-perv campaign, police have received 69 reports of sex assaults on the T - compared to 37 in the same period last year. Arrests of alleged predators doubled from nine to 18 during that time.

Access full text at: [http://www.bostonherald.com/news/regional/general/view/2008\\_10\\_06\\_T\\_s\\_grope\\_patrol\\_has\\_pervs\\_on\\_the\\_run](http://www.bostonherald.com/news/regional/general/view/2008_10_06_T_s_grope_patrol_has_pervs_on_the_run).

**Double Bunking Expected at Prison**

***The Boston Globe*, October 6, 2008**

*The Boston Globe* has found that many inmates at the maximum security prison in Shirley may soon have to double up in their cells, under a plan by the state Department of Correction to contend with the highest inmate count in 20 years. Department spokeswoman Diane Wiffin confirmed that the Souza-Baranowski Correctional Center would become the only maximum security facility in the state to have double-bunking. Across the country, double-celling has been allowed since 1981, when the US Supreme Court ruled that state prisons can house two inmates in a cell designed for one.

Access full text at: [http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2008/10/07/double\\_bunking\\_expected\\_at\\_prison/](http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2008/10/07/double_bunking_expected_at_prison/).



### **Tragedy's Legacy**

***The Boston Globe*, October 16, 2008**

Many saw the 2002 murder-suicide of Dorothy Giunta-Cotter and her estranged husband, William Cotter, as a failure of the system to protect a battered woman, reports *The Boston Globe*. But Giunta-Cotter's death forced those from the Geiger center and law enforcement personnel to rethink their handling of high-risk domestic violence cases. The result was the Greater Newburyport High-Risk Response Team, which unites police, prosecutors and victim-witness advocates, probation officials, batterer intervention teams, and hospital staffers to prevent violence. They share information, screen cases, and identify those most at risk. The team has fostered cooperation and knowledge sharing among local police departments.

Access full text at: [http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2008/10/16/tragedys\\_legacy/](http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2008/10/16/tragedys_legacy/).

### **Targeted, Some Drug Dealers Switch to Prostitution**

***The Boston Globe*, October 26, 2008**

A federal crackdown on drug dealers has succeeded in taking some of Boston's most dangerous offenders off the streets, but it is also driving some dealers and gang leaders to pursue another line of criminal work: prostitution, reports *The Boston Globe*. Law enforcement officials and victim advocates say girls as young as 14 have become a prized commodity for criminals who would rather exploit them than run the risk of serving a long federal sentence for dealing drugs. The trend is, in part, a consequence of the comparative ease of sexual exploitation in the digital age. But the department's more aggressive use of tough federal drug laws to target gangs and so-called impact players has also sent a message that criminals should consider another path, according to police officials and some community leaders.

Access full text: [http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2008/10/26/targeted\\_some\\_drug\\_dealers\\_switch\\_to\\_prostitution/](http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2008/10/26/targeted_some_drug_dealers_switch_to_prostitution/).

### **Patrick Plans Task Force on Ethics**

***The Worcester Telegram & Gazette*, November 1, 2008**

Governor Deval L. Patrick recently announced he is calling for a new wave of reforms to the state's ethics and lobbying rules, according to *The Worcester Telegram & Gazette*. Governor Patrick said he would name a task force to develop a package of reforms he will send to the Legislature in January, adding he hopes they will then be acted on within 30 days. The Governor also said he will seek tougher penalties for ethics violations and public corruption crimes, saying current penalties be too weak. The Governor said his decision to toughen ethics and lobbying laws stems from many headline stories in recent months, not just the case involving state Senator Dianne Wilkerson.

Access full text at: <http://www.telegram.com/article/20081101/NEWS/811010348/1116/NEWSREWIND>.

### **Streetwise**

***The Boston Globe*, November 3, 2008**

Superintendent Daniel Linskey, who leads the Bureau of Field Services, has ordered more than 160 police clerks, sergeants, and deputy superintendents to hit the streets, recounts *The Boston Globe*. Under orders from Commissioner Edward F. Davis, as part of the department's intensifying efforts to increase police visibility in neighborhoods, even officers from such elite units as the bomb squad and K-9 patrol are walking a beat when they're not responding to scene. The move, which affects only uniformed police, not detectives, is aimed at making residents feel safer and improving community relations.

Access full text at: <http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2008/11/03/streetwise/>.

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